## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for tour planning, comprising:

creating a first schematic, wherein the first schematic comprises at least a first lane between a first accent point and a second accent point;

creating a tour as an instance of the first schematic, wherein the tour comprises at least a first segment corresponding to the first lane of the first schematic; and assigning a load to the first segment of the tour.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein assigning the load to the first segment of the tour further comprises assigning a load to the first segment of the tour to produce a costs savings over assigning the load to a common carrier.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing tour optimization on the tour.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the first schematic further comprises creating the first schematic based on a load history.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the first schematic further comprises creating the first schematic based on a forecast of loads.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the tour further comprises creating the tour based on a plurality of loads in a load list.

7. A system for tour planning, comprising:

a memory; and

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a microprocessor coupled to the memory and programmed to:

create a first schematic, wherein the first schematic comprises at least a first lane between a first accent point and a second accent point;

create a tour as an instance of the first schematic, wherein the tour comprises at least a first segment corresponding to the first lane of the first schematic; and assign a load to the first segment of the tour.

- 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is further programmed to assign a load to the first segment of the tour to produce a costs savings over assigning the load to a common carrier.
- 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is further programmed to perform tour optimization on the tour.
- 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is further programmed to create the first schematic based on a load history.
- 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is further programmed to create the first schematic based on a forecast of loads.
- 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the microprocessor is further programmed to create the tour based on a plurality of loads in a load list.

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13. An article of manufacture containing instructions for tour planning, the instructions being capable of causing a processor to:

create a first schematic, wherein the first schematic comprises at least a first lane between a first accent point and a second accent point;

create a tour as an instance of the first schematic, wherein the tour comprises at least a first segment corresponding to the first lane of the first schematic; and assign a load to the first segment of the tour.

- 14. The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the instructions are further capable of causing a processor to assign a load to the first segment of the tour to produce a costs savings over assigning the load to a common carrier.
- 15. The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the instructions are further capable of causing a processor to perform tour optimization on the tour.
- 16. The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the instructions are further capable of causing a processor to create the first schematic based on a load history.
- 17. The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the instructions are further capable of causing a processor to create the first schematic based on a forecast of loads.
- 18. The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the instructions are further capable of causing a processor to create the tour based on a plurality of loads in a load list.